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SGA announces Fabolous and Maino as first ever co-headliners for fall concert

BY KAT KIENLE
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Brooklyn based hip-hop artist, Fabolous, known best for his chart topping songs like "Breathe" and "Make Me Better," will take to the Reitz Arena stage on Friday, October 9 for this year's fall concert announced the Student Government Association last week with much enthusiasm. Co-headlining the performance with Fabolous is fellow Brooklyn native, Jermaine Coleman, better known by his stage name, Maino.

"We wanted to bring the same genre of music as last year since Lupe was such a success," said Vice President of Social Affairs Ashley Bergmann.

"This year we have two acts co-headlining which is something we don't usually see for a fall concert. We are excited to bring two artists with new albums and hits and think

they will put on a great show."

The confirmation of the two acts comes after much deliberation and hard work over the course of the summer.

The Student Government Association, mainly Bergmann, worked with a promoter throughout the spring and summer who served as the middleman to help find available acts within the given budget.

"Once we pick one we think the student body will like, we submit a contract," notes Bergmann. "Sometimes it comes back and changes need to be made; sometimes it falls through. That's why it can sometimes take over a month to confirm an artist."

While Fabolous may be the slightly more recognizable entertainer out of the two hip-hop artists, Maino garnered great success with his 2009 album *If Tomorrow Comes* which features the hit single "All the Above."

Meanwhile, Fabolous' most recent album, *Loso's Way*, which includes hits like "Throw It in the Bag" and "My Time," debuted at number one back in July on the *Billboard 200*, selling nearly 100,000 copies in the first week.

Tickets for the event go on sale soon at the Loyola Box Office. The show is likely to be received very well by the public and is expected to sell out.



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Hundreds of Loyola students were among the runners to wake up early Saturday morning to participate in the annual DGA 5K.

Groups across Maryland support Diane Geppi-Aikens 5K run

BY BRIANA BERG
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On September 19th, 2009, the 7th annual Diane Geppi-Aikens Memorial 5K Run and 1-mile fun run was held in honor of Diane Geppi-Aikens, the late Loyola women's lacrosse coach.

The run normally attracts approximately five hundred to six hundred participants from the Loyola community and runners from surrounding areas as well, including: the Towson women's lacrosse team, the University of Maryland women's lacrosse team, and the Goucher women's lacrosse team.

The race is a 5K run through the beautiful Guilford neighborhood of Baltimore, starting and ending at Loyola's campus. Teams and individual runners compete in

order to raise money for the Aikens children's Trust fund.

The fund was set up so that her four children would be able to continue their education.

Diane Geppi-Aikens was the women's lacrosse coach at Loyola before she passed away in 2003 after battling brain cancer. The coach of the Greyhounds since 1989, Aikens originally started out her career at Loyola as a volleyball and lacrosse player.

In her last season coaching Loyola, Aikens persevered through the pain from her brain stem tumor. She coached from a wheelchair while being partially paralyzed on the left side of her body. That season was one of the best season's Loyola women's lacrosse has ever had, finishing the season with a 17-2 record.

Teddi Burns, Associate Director

of Athletics here at Loyola, and long time friend of Aikens, participated in the race this past weekend. According to Burns, so many people from the Loyola community run "to be a part of something unique."

"I've been told that many memorial runs like this don't last very long. I think it's a testament to Diane and how she touched and inspired others," Burns said. Even people who never had the opportunity to meet Aikens can appreciate the passion and strength that flowed through her body every day that she was alive.

The run is a longtime standing tradition here at Loyola and will continue for years to come. While the day is filled with so much joy and laughter it is also a somber event, remembering one of Loyola's greatest late heroes.

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"If they had just paid for the pills, I'd still have my kidney. I'd be healthy, working and paying taxes."

--Melissa J. Whitaker on Medicare's paying for kidney transplants, but limiting coverage of anti-rejection drugs

"It wouldn't be days. It would be hours."

Asha A. Abdallah, a member of Somalia's Parliament, on how long the government would last if 5,000 African Union troops were withdrawn.

One more week until Loyola's designation change celebration Sept. 25-26!

Loyola will celebrate its official transition to Loyola University Maryland on Friday, Sept. 25, with a convocation beginning at 3 p.m. In addition to remarks by Fr. Linnane, the event will feature a keynote address by Georgetown University President John DeGioia.

Members of the campus community are also invited to a dessert reception and fireworks display on Saturday, Sept. 26. The reception begins at 8 p.m. and fireworks begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. For more information and to RSVP to the convocation and/or fireworks, visit the designation celebration Web site.

NEWSBRIEFS

Intramural outdoor soccer tournament registration deadline Sept. 21 The department of recreational sports is offering a 9v9 Outdoor Soccer Tournament this fall at the FAC. The registration deadline for this tournament is Monday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m.

Intramurals are open to all members of the Loyola community. We offer men's, women's, and coed leagues, in both competitive and recreational divisions. Whether you're a star athlete or someone looking to have a great time with friends, intra-

House votes to expand federal loans for college students

The House of Representatives passed legislation that expands federal aid to college students on Thursday. By shifting to direct federal lending, the Obama administration said it will save more than \$80 billion over 10 years, which would go into higher Pell grants for low-income students, new investments in community colleges, programs and other education efforts. "This legislation provides students and families with the single largest investment in federal student aid ever," said Representative George Miller, Democrat of California and chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, who wrote the bill.

ACORN loses its government funding

House Democrats abandoned their longtime ally ACORN on Thursday, joining Republicans in an overwhelming vote to end all federal funding given the activist group. This vote comes in response to hidden-camera investigative videos which exposed workers of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now advising a supposed underage prostitute on how to cheat taxes and loan applications.

mural sports are for you.

To register, pick-up an entry form at the FAC Welcome Desk, fill it out, and submit to Member Services with the entry fee. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Eckenrode at eeckenrode@loyola.edu.

Family Weekend

Masses Sept. 26, 27

Family Weekend Masses will take place in the Alumni Chapel on Saturday, Sept. 26, beginning at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 27, beginning at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Another Mass will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. in Fava Chapel.

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School officials face jail for praying

Two Florida schools officials are receiving immediate support from more than 60 Congressman as they face jail time for praying in front of their students. Some of these members voices their feelings on the house floor saying this incident is a "criminalization of prayer" that "tramples on the First Amendment rights" of "Christians." The 9 a.m. trial "is one of the first times we've literally had the potential for the criminalization of prayer in the United States of America," said Rep. J. Randy Forbes of Virginia, chairman of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.



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First Medal of Honor given under Obama administration

President Obama presented the nation's highest military decoration to the parents of Sergeant First Class Jared C. Monti, who died three years ago in Afghanistan after jumping into enemy fire to rescue one of his soldiers who was struck down in gunfire near Pakistan. "Today is not about high officials and those with stars on their shoulders," Mr. Obama said. "It's a celebration of a young soldier and those who loved him, who made him into the man he was." This was the first Medal of Honor Obama awarded since he became president.

Sources: *NY Times*, *Washington Times*

Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Tuesday, September 15

An officer received a request to respond to a held door alarm at Bokel Court. As the officer approached the address, he observed a Baltimore County Police Department patrol car with several undercover BCPD officers surrounding a non-Loyola female who was handcuffed and sitting on the curb of Crowson Avenue. The officers had the female remove her legs from the street so that the Campus Police officer could continue to his destination. While en route to Bokel, the Campus Police officer notified the on-duty supervisor that there was police activity taking place on Crowson Avenue. After arrive at Bokel Court to tell a student to close his door due to an alarm going off, he continued on to finish his patrol of Rahner Village and Homeland Apts. The officer then returned to the area where the female had been detained and spoke to a detective who stated she was being arrested for public intoxication and soliciting prostitution.

Thursday, September 17

An officer was dispatched to the Gardens area for a suspicious odor. Upon arriving, the officer was approached by a woman who stated while she had been standing in the Gardens area three males walked by her and she smelled a strong odor of what she thought might be marijuana. She stated that they walked from Gardens in the direction of the rear of Newman Towers. The officer asked her to walk with him in that direction so she might identify them. As they walked they saw no one in the area and did not smell any marijuana.

Thursday, September 17

An officer was approached by a cab driver while patrolling Newman Towers. The cab driver indicated that he had an intoxicated student in his cab and that the student had no money to pay his fare. The student then exited the cab and sat on the curb. Another Campus Police officer and a Baltimore Police Officer responded to the scene as well. The cab driver then informed the officers that Baltimore City Police had put the intoxicated student in his cab on Bourbon Street and asked him to bring the student back to Loyola. The cab driver was told that the police would not have done that and he was then asked if the student had requested the ride. The cab driver indicated again that the police put him in the cab. The on-call GRC was contacted and the student was escorted back to his room with the GRC. At this time the student indicated that he had been drinking since 2:00pm.

-compiled by Sara Cesky

Catholic Relief Services seeks HIV and AIDS prevention

BY AMELIA WOLF
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Tina Monique James spoke to Loyola students and staff on Thursday night about the work she does as a Catholic Relief Services staff member specializing in HIV and AIDS prevention, mostly over seas. She has been working with CRS for over 15 years.

Catholic Relief Service is an international development and relief foundation that has been developed globally in over 100 countries. Their staff members are first responders to both natural and man-made disasters. CRS also helps to develop these countries by providing water systems, education, health, and government development. HIV/AIDS is one of the many different specializations within CRS.

The main purpose of Catholic Relief Services in dealing with HIV/AIDS is "to implement a holistic and integrated HIV programming according to the needs of clients and beneficiaries," as stated by James. Catholic Relief Services has been responding to HIV and AIDS since 1986.

Now, their services are given at over 250 projects in 52 different countries, helping a total of at least four million people. At these projects, CRS partners with mission hospitals, mostly in rural, hard-to-reach places, making it easier to respond to a larger population of infected people.

CRS has developed three main objectives

for their HIV/AIDS projects. They aim to support integrated and holistic programming, hold up a capacity to implement and sustain HIV programming, and support high quality growth.

They provide water systems, education, health, and government development. These services are also provided for the areas in which they deal with HIV/AIDS.

AIDS is "among the greatest development and security issues facing the world today," as stated by the World Health Organization and UNAIDS. CRS noticed this crisis 15 years ago and reacted. Now, "It looks like our efforts are paying off," James stated. Since 1990, the number of people living with HIV/AIDS has been increasing but has begun to level off, increasing at a much slower rate each year.

AIDS/HIV is most prevalent in South Africa where, in 2007, 33 million people were infected. In heavily affected areas like South Africa, AIDS/HIV causes life expectancy to be much lower than other countries. In fact, for people being born with AIDS in South Africa right now, life expectancy is around 40 years old, according to James.

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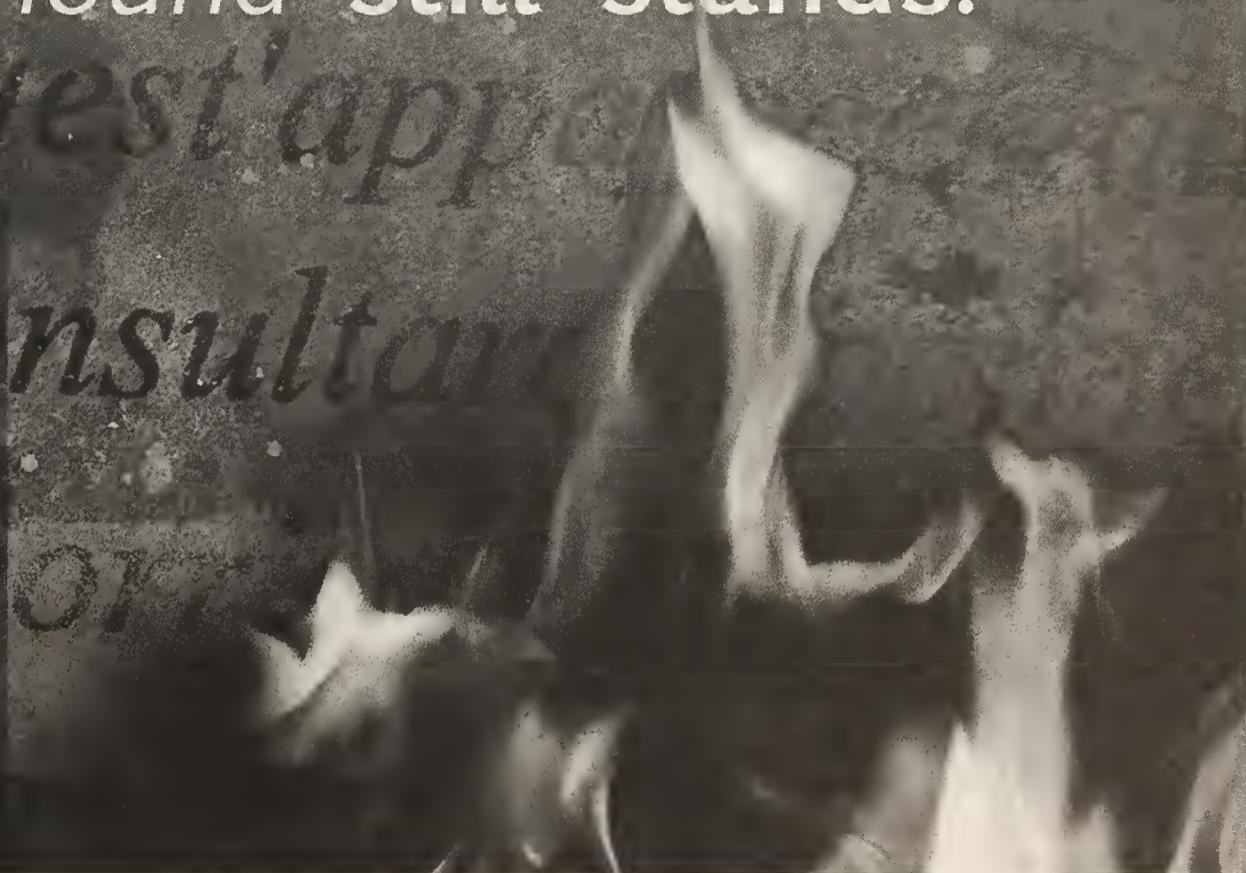
For children in countries like South Africa who are born with AIDS, life expectancy is very low. Catholic Relief Services aims to respond to AIDS-based need around the world.

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George Washington U. student organization refuses to take part in Michelle Obama's service challenge

BY DANIELLE SOLINSKI
GEORGE WASHINGTON U.

A conservative group at George Washington University is asking the university to deduct their service hours from the 100,000 hours first lady Michelle Obama challenged students to complete this year.

Obama said she would speak at Commencement May 16 if students meet the goal, but the Young America's Foundation, a conservative group that has hosted commentators such as Ann Coulter and David Horowitz, is asking the university to deduct their service hours from the 100,000 total hours.

Joe Naron, YAF's director of press, said the university is "politicizing" public service by accepting Obama's challenge.

"We do take issue with what we believe was not only advancement of another liberal speaker, but also the degree of politicization that accompanied the action," Naron said in an e-mail. "It is hard to believe that so much hoopla would have been created surrounding a day of volunteering if the first lady was not affiliated with the event. Therefore, justification for the event seems contorted."

But fellow conservatives, including the GW College Republicans, said they do not agree with YAF's approach to the issue.

"The College Republicans do not support any such initiative to undermine the community service efforts of the GW community as a whole," Brandon Hines, chairman of the College Republicans, said in an e-mail. "It is unfortunate that YAF is unable to distinguish and respect Michelle Obama's non-political role as the first lady."

Hines said Obama has made outstanding contributions to the community and she has the varying experiences that would make her a valuable Commencement speaker, noting her experience as a "working mother, successful lawyer, and business woman who rose from the South Side of Chicago to attend Harvard and Princeton."

Senior Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak said all students will have their community service hours counted. Obama will speak at Commencement, even if he has to volunteer for five straight weeks himself, he added.

"I don't agree with what they're saying," Chernak said. "They're saying 'let's try to do everything we can to make sure we don't have Michelle Obama as a Commencement speaker.' That's as much politicizing of it as you could possibly be doing."

GW students offered mixed feelings about YAF's initiative.

CRS works to provide relief for those with HIV/AIDS

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During the Bush Administration, President George W. Bush created PEPFAR, President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Under the program, he gave \$15 billion to provide relief and treatment all throughout the world.

Today PEPFAR works in ten different countries including Haiti, Guyana, Zambia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and others. Currently, they have 167,000 active patients and 460,000 enrolled in care, meaning that they have tested positively for HIV/AIDS do not currently need care.

Unfortunately, dealing with HIV/AIDS does not mean simply providing medicine. It involves relief groups, altering living styles, and many other small aspects of life. Especially in highly affected areas, people with HIV/AIDS have to deal with a stigma, a negative attitude toward them and an ignorance towards the fact that HIV/

AIDS is even an issue. CRS works to help bring attention to the issue, which in the long run, helps lessen the number of people that become infected.

For women in highly infected areas, even more issues arise. "We do find often that the husbands that suspect they have AIDS may send their wife for testing," James said.

She continued to explain that frequently, if a woman is infected by her husband, the blame is placed on the woman and sometimes, she may even be shunned by her family and friends, leaving woman at a much greater disadvantage than men.

Although CRS works mostly globally, James added, "We are trying to access what is going on in Baltimore. What are the big needs and challenges facing the people here." "Everyone doesn't have to ride through the slums like I do. We can all do something small. Pray, learn, act, give," James stated.

Arrest in Yale homicide prompts questions about employee screenings

BY JAMIE McMAHON
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site. The Office of Public Affairs also said it was not discussing the case.

"A thorough and reliable background check is vital in determining whether your candidate will be an asset or a liability to your department," the Web site says. "As the largest employer in New Haven County, Yale hired over 2,289 new staff members in 2006. Pre-employment screening will help to ensure that we continue to hire the right people, for the right jobs, at the right time."

Descriptions of Clark, whose DNA matches evidence found at the crime scene, according to New Haven Police Department, have ranged from "a normal guy" to a controlling boyfriend with anger issues. His supervisor reported that "nothing in the history of his employment at the university gave an indication that his involvement in such a crime might be possible," according to an e-mail sent Thursday to students by Yale President Richard C. Levin.

The fact that Clark's allegedly violent nature went unnoticed may suggest that, no matter how hard it tries, a university that employs thousands can never completely ensure the safety of its student employees from non-student workers. Levin said in his e-mail that the case "says more about the dark side of the human soul than it does about the extent of security measures."

Still, some will question whether Yale failed to pick up on any indications that Clark was dangerous.

According to the university's Web site, Yale employs background checks on candidates for positions ranging from "management and professional positions, clerical and technical positions and service and maintenance positions." Levin did not say in his e-mail whether Clark was screened. Yale last updated its screening policy in 2007, long after Clark began work in 2004.

Questions Wednesday to Yale's Human Resources and Administration about its background policy were referred to the Office of Public Affairs, which referred to the Web

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Vincent Wolfington discusses leadership, justice and success in business

BY MEAGHAN MCKERON
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 14 in McGuire Hall, business leader Vincent Wolfington spoke to Loyola students, faculty and administration about justice and leadership for the Loyola University's third annual Commitment to Justice Lecture.

Wolfington combined the ideas of stewardship, self interest, service, and Catholicism in his speech, "To Thine Own Self Be True," which informed his audience how to "promote justice as an expression of faith."

Wolfington attended Georgetown University, a Jesuit institution, where he played on the basketball team and served as president of his class and of the student body.

In 1969, Wolfington was named chairman of Carey Corporation, which he helped develop into a world-wide organization, today called Carey International.

He is now chairman of Global Ambassador Concierge, which offers guidance on culture, travel, and communication to travelers in the United States and China, and of Global Alliance Advisors, which is focused on helping international companies and investors abroad. He is also an executive committee member of the World Travel and Tourism Council.

Wolfington credited much of his success in both the business world and as a man of faith to his family. When he was only 10 years old, he worked at his family's hotel near the ocean in New Jersey, where he learned a lot about helping and respecting others.

"I got a good picture of Mother Nature and a good picture of the nature of man," said Wolfington of his experiences with customers during his time at the Jersey shore.

His family also taught him a lot about faith; they would often say the rosary together after dinner. Wolfington described faith as "part of the family DNA."

When thinking about justice and faith, Wolfington chose four pillars upon which people should model their lives: stewardship, Adam Smith and the idea of self interest, Confucius and serving others, and Catholic intellectual tradition.

Stewardship, which Wolfington referred to as "the highest form of leadership," is a necessary component to succeed morally in the business world. Wolfington pointed out that most leaders are chosen or appointed and are considered higher up in companies than others, but do not have to address their own personal responsibilities.

"Authentic leadership comes from within, not from without," said Wolfington. He stressed that everyone should embrace their role as leaders by examining their own lives, abilities, and morals and by using what they discover to lead others.

The next pillar was modeled after Adam Smith, a Scottish philosopher, and his ideas on people's tendencies to make decisions with their own self interests in mind.

"Adam Smith was on to something when he said the role of self interest in society is alive and well," Wolfington said.

People naturally ask themselves, "What's in it for me?" This tendency can be used to one's advantage – if someone desires a comfortable, healthy life for themselves and their family, they can use this desire to drive them to make good decisions.

Third on the list of steps was Confucius, who philosophized on how to live a sincere, just, and moral life. Confucius' suggestions such as "to be faithful in words" and "to be earnest in service" require people to "have a willingness to think about what [they] think, say, and do," according to Wolfington.

The last pillar, Catholic intellectual tradition, pushes everyone to question things in life, which will lead to more understanding about what is right and wrong.

"The individual has a responsibility to himself and to society to seek a clear understanding of who they are and where they are in the world in which they live," Wolfington said.

After explaining his pillars of promoting justice, Wolfington chose examples of real people who exemplify a just and moral leader in the world.

Paul Tagliabue, former National Football League commissioner, was Wolfington's first model because he pushed NFL players to give back to the communities they came from and to represent the league in a respectful manner.

"The NFL became one of the most successful franchises in the world because of the stewardship of Paul," Wolfington said.

Wolfington next highlighted the admirable work of Charles Cawley, who founded the MBNA bank corporation, and Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who started the Special Olympics.

Wolfington ended his speech by focusing on Edward Kennedy, the recently deceased senator from Massachusetts who used his name and position in government to fight for people without a voice.

"Millions of Americans have been touched by the quiet work of Ted Kennedy, who helped those who could not help themselves," said Wolfington.

At the beginning of the night, Wolfington claimed that he had no idea how he would actually tie all the components of his lecture together, but by the end his words made sense to everyone who took the time to listen to the successful business leader. By telling everyone that they simply have to look inside themselves and constantly strive to learn more about the world and how to live, he gave everyone an achievable model on how to "promote justice as an expression of faith."

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THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL

New 'Allocated Printing Program' not that unreasonable

The Student Technology Center responded by e-mail last week to student confusion about its new "Allocated Printing Program." The program, introduced this year, seeks to cut costs while simultaneously emphasizing that the campus "go green" by printing fewer pages. In the fall semester, all students have been allocated print credits to the sum of 500 pages. As it is in its trial stages, the program incurs no cost to students who use all 500 of their allocated pages. Furthermore, students who do use up their entire fall semester allocation will receive a replenishment of pages from Technology Services at no charge.

Seems like a pretty good deal. Assuming a semester lasts 12 weeks and a student prints out 40 pages each week, the average Loyola student would be left with 20 extra pages of allocated printing at semester's end.

Plenty for that paper airplane contest you've been meaning to schedule.

However, what has some students a tad worked up is the idea that Loyola is forcing them to curb their printing. What's more, during the spring semester, students who use up their initial printing allocations on their Evergreen cards must then put money on their swipes in order to use Loyola's printers.

Times are tight, and Loyola wants its students to pay for printing?

If we can rightfully assume that students arbitrarily receive a 500-page printing allocation each semester, the idea doesn't seem all that far-fetched.

Indeed, with the amount of PDF files and Word documents professors ask students to print from Blackboard, no student enjoys the prospect of having to pay to print off assignments and PowerPoint slides.

But the demands of Tech Services – that one campus department Loyola students love to hate – don't seem all that unreasonable. After all, it's 500 pages.

For the program to truly do what it's intended to do – that is, cut costs – compromises will have to be made by professors and students alike. Professors, let students bring computers to class; don't ask that students print out everything you post to Blackboard. Students, exercise some discretion when you print.

Done this way, "Allocated Printing" will be easy on everyone's wallets.



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Letter to the editor: Oversensitivity to Galifianakis performance is unnecessary and out of place

I am an avid reader of *The Greyhound*, and I was looking forward toward the opinion on Zach Galifianakis. I am a personal buff of comedians and can name acts, rants and names at the drop of a joke. However, the oversensitivity portrayed in this article ['The Hangover' star Galifianakis performs controversial set, by Sara Carr; Sept. 15 *Greyhound*] bewildered and upset me. I completely disagree with this opinion. We hired Zach to do his job. If we want to criticize Zach for his performance (which was nothing more than ordinary of his usual bits so often shown on Comedy Central and YouTube), then we should have looked for something less offensive.

There is a large spectrum of comedy offensiveness, Jeff Foxworthy being the most innocent, and Bob

Saget being the most profane. If you feel like there was a problem with Zach's performance, or that it was inappropriate, you should be commenting on the people who booked him for an apology. Just like you wouldn't book a death metal band to play at a senior center. If you felt that the conduct was inappropriate, it was due to a lack of research by the student government. Further, it is common knowledge that people disturbing a comedian are bound to be heckled, and that is what people are paying to see. We payed to see a comedian do his job.

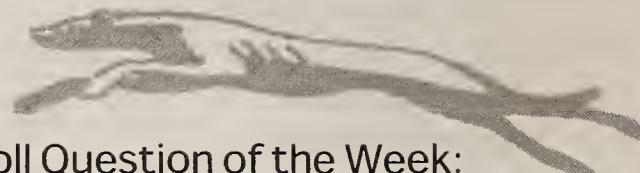
As for the N-word comment, it was not used out of hatred, only as a way to portray the joke about southern culture. To bring up another example, if a professor says the N-word while teaching

about the Jim Crow laws of Reconstruction, where they played an important factor, would we fire him because of it? There are comedians all over that use this word, and just because you have not broadened your research past the Michael Richards incident does not mean you can put it out of context. Richards' comment was severely different from the small crack [by Galifianakis]: "When I get drunk, I start saying southern things like 'Ya'll' and 'N--'."

Was it offensive the way Michael Richards said it? Of course. However, I plain and outright think that people are being oversensitive about Zach's joke, and this is just another case of political correctness taken to the extreme.

Louis Contaldi
Class of 2013

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Poll Question of the Week:

What excites you most about a designation change weekend?

- Free desserts.
- Fireworks.
- A performance by The Capitol Steps.

Last Week's Results (results not scientific):

Should the South Carolinian Rep. Joe Wilson have withheld his now infamous "You lie!" comment during Obama's speech to Congress?

- Yes, there is a time and place for such vocalness. This speech was not it. (75%)
- No, I find it commendable that he stood up to the president in such a setting. (25%)

My Two Cents: 'Pinning' down students' BlackBerry obsession

Full disclosure: I have not had the best of luck with electronics. The last gaming system my family owned was a Sega Genesis, my last camera got wet and every picture I attempted after that point looked like it was taken underwater, and my most recent phone, a Verizon number that used to befuddle sales representatives

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("Uh, when was this model made? Yeah ... no ... I don't think we carry this charger anymore.") was dropped countless times on a variety of unforgiving surfaces before finally disappearing one afternoon. In my own house. No, seriously. And they say "The Borrowers" is a fictional piece.

So you might assume I would be the least likely candidate for a BlackBerry, iPhone or any other mobile device in the "smart phone" family. I know I did. The first hurdle was convincing my dad to go for it. I had already tried in the past, and with frighteningly little success.

"A BlackBerry? What do you need a BlackBerry for? Last I checked you're not running any sort of business." He then had an enjoyable moment at the expense of my oldest brother, who in high school campaigned similarly hard for a pager.

Pagers. I'm sure you are familiar: friend to doctors, nurses and other such emergency workers. Not as commonly associated with the needs of 17-year-old boys. Once he played the pager card I was sure my cause was lost, but then by some miracle my 21st birthday, the disappearance of my

phone, and "upgrade eligibility" all fell within the confines of one perfect storm-esque month.

And so, a couple of weeks ago, I went to the Verizon store to claim my BlackBerry. I was a done deal, but that didn't stop a persistent salesman from putting me through an hour's worth of tricks. "Download videos onto this and you won't know you aren't watching at home (Hmm, that will be nice for traveling); Internet is as fast as your personal computer (Because really, who has time to stand around all day waiting for Google to show its face?); and it can link up to all of your e-mail accounts. Well, up to eight anyway (I would love to meet the person who has more than eight relevant e-mail accounts up and running right now.)"

Anyway, before long I was walking out of the store with a brand new BlackBerry Tour. I took it home, hurriedly sent my pin along to friends, downloaded Facebook for BlackBerry and anxiously waited for my life to become perfect.

I'll admit it now: I'm in way over my head.

The first shock was the sheer quantity of notifications. I'm all for the idea of having the world at one's fingertips, but I'm decidedly less into being awoken at 4:02 in the morning to a buzzing notification that my quasi-acquaintance's friend from home has also commented on a Facebook picture that I wrote "haha" under last fall. Prioritizing has taken on new meaning. In the past I was able to look at a grouping of received texts, decide which person I wanted to reply to first, and act accordingly. Now I

feel like my phone is a mini ER, and I am the triage nurse.

Though I would love to respond to a text, I feel the pressing need to first attend to a 'BBM' so as to avoid offending a sender who can see I've read it. And while in the midst of a reply BBM, my e-mail often interrupts with an Incident Alert involving three students and an armed gunman just two blocks from my house. And how am I not going to click through to that?

It's dizzying, and frankly I'm not quite sure I'm cut out for it. I'm walking around with a phone that is Microsoft Excel compatible, and the last time I spreadsheet-ed anything was in a computer science class freshman year.

And my teacher can tell you how well that went for me. As is often the case, I have to think that the BlackBerry/iPhone obsession is just another example of our generation getting ahead of itself, of wanting to be grown up before we actually, officially are. I won't argue that it's not convenient, but is it necessary?

It may be fitting to conclude with this: Just thirty seconds ago, I swear to you, I had a clever ending to this article. But in the time it took me to look down at my buzzing phone and read a meaningless "Event Invitation" from a Facebook group I didn't know I was a member of, it has been lost on me.

I rest my case.

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Obama, Democrats need to do more to enact health care reform

BY AFAN TARAR
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One of the problems with the new health insurance policy reform is not the GOP doing everything in its power to bring it down; rather, it's the Democrats themselves.

The Democrats are doing what they seem to be very good at – they are sabotaging themselves. It is my speculation that if the GOP was handling this legislation, it would have passed by now.

The infighting within the Democratic Party has caused this bill to be held up in Congress. It's a shame that even with a majority, Democrats cannot agree on a bill when reform is so possible.

Regardless of political leanings, everyone agrees any new policy would be a drastic change to this country's status quo. But it is being held back by "blue-dog" Democrats inside a party that champions the idea of having a more regulated health care system.

This division illustrates the inherent weaknesses and strengths of the party: its enormous diversity.

The Democrats are all over the place and their politics have no central message. President Barack Obama's speech to a joint session of Congress shows his own frustration with this division.

He finally toughened up and claimed that enough was enough. During the speech, he showed the zeal of a Republican and that's the kind of zeal he needs if he wants this bill passed.

This president should learn from his predecessor when it comes to getting his agenda passed in Congress. After all, politics is politics, no matter how honest and open a politician is, at the end of the day he needs to do his job. And that cannot be done without some maneuvering.

Former President George W. Bush not only got the bills he wanted passed in Congress, but by using clever politics, he also got the American people to rally behind him, if only temporarily.

If one just looks back into the archives, it is easy to see how constantly and adamantly the Bush administration told the American people that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

Then Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld went as far as claiming that he knew where they were.

But then, as the search went on in Iraq for these supposed weapons, the public reason of the war changed from claiming the existence of weapons of mass destruction to the supposed threatening existence of programs to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Regardless of what people may think of the former president as a person or as a leader, his administration got what it wanted done. This was not only because the public was regularly bombarded with a clear message, but also because the party was united and supported its leader in public.

The fact that the Democrats are having such a hard time is telling of their lack of unity. They finally have a majority in both

houses and the presidency but cannot get what they want and need done.

For years they complained about how the GOP ran things, and when they finally have the chance to pass an act, which is supposedly a liberal's dream, the infighting begins.

Many people might argue that the GOP is responsible for many of the misunderstandings and infighting in the debate. After all, Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh are spreading lies and muddling up the debate.

My friends – welcome to politics.

What do you really expect the GOP to do? The opposing party will always be a hurdle. But they cannot be held responsible for the inefficiencies within the Democratic Party. By making this debate about non-issues like death panels, Nazism and Communism, extremists are claiming a victory for the GOP.

So, what exactly should the president do in this time of crisis?

Now I understand what people meant when they said he is an inexperienced politician. They did not mean that he is not capable of doing the job, but rather, that he is not one to use manipulation. But the reality cannot be ignored.

He should learn from former presidents like Bush and Ronald Reagan.

Do what you need to do, Mr. President, to get this bill passed. Use the media to your advantage, have a strong message and get the Democrats in line.

If the Democrats cannot get this bill passed, they don't deserve to be put back into power in Congress.

On The Quad

"How are you currently avoiding the swine flu epidemic on campus?"

By: Jesse DeFlorio



"I made sure to send my roommate Liam away to Belgium for the semester so that he can't spread his disgusting germs amongst my living quarters."

Brian Donohue, '11
Business



"With a mug like mine, Swine Flu won't come close!"

Colin Chenet, '11
Fine Art



"I don't eat pork to begin with, so I should be fine... I think... I guess."

Stephen King, '11
Accounting



"I tried to listen to a lot of Dave Matthews, however, it didn't work and I ended up getting swine flu."

Dave Byrne, '11
History

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The Bottom Line: Obama's tariff helps special interests, endangers U.S. economy

President Obama's decision last week to impose a 35 percent tariff on imported Chinese tire imports threatens the long-term health of our economy and reflects the triumph of special interests over the common good. The move was made in response to a complaint filed by the United Steelworkers union (which represents many U.S. tire workers). The new tariff has no support among economists, though it is in the favor of the president's political backers. This decision was the folly of the president, and, if he wants to ensure the health of the U.S. economy, he should avoid such reckless choices in the future and work to augment U.S.-China economic relations.

First of all, one cannot stress enough the benefits of free trade. Since the days of Adam Smith, the father of the study of economics, it has been recognized as an economic fact that free trade is beneficial to both participating parties. Allowing American consumers to purchase cheaper foreign goods leads to a net gain for the economy and opens up other markets for American goods. It is as true today as it was in 1776 when Smith published "The Wealth of Nations." According to Harvard economist Greg Mankiw, 93 percent of economists agree with the statement: "Tariffs and import quotas usually reduce general economic welfare."

Albeit the gain does not come without its drawbacks as those domestic producers who cannot compete with their foreign counterparts cease to exist. Although this comes as a negative to this particular group (in this case the United Steelworkers union), the gains to the American consumer and the new markets for other American goods far outweigh the downside. While the closing of domestic industries is not something to celebrate, the alternative to stand athwart this change would merely protect the well-being of a few at the expense of everyone else. Economist Frederic Bastiat satirized this notion in suggesting that we block out the sun for its unfair competition against candle makers.

Another consequence of enacting barriers to free trade is the possibility of a trade war. Upon the announcement of the new tire tariffs, China retaliated with new tariffs on American automotive and chicken products. China's ambassador to the U.S., Zhou Wenzhong, warned that President Obama's decision "will set a dangerous precedent." If the president continues on the course of protecting domestic industry against competition, harsher responses can be expected from more of our trading partners. The last time the U.S. pursued such a policy occurred in 1930 with the passage of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act. This initiated a worldwide trade war as America's trade partners responded with steep trade barriers against the U.S. Economists largely fault this breakdown in global trade for drastically exacerbating and deepening the Great Depression.

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porters at the expense of the nation's general welfare. During the presidential campaign, the United Steelworkers threw their entire support behind Barack Obama. Seeing as there is no logical economic support for the president's recent decision, it is completely within reason to conclude he did it to return the favor the USW. While it is easy to see the president as just sympathizing with those faced with losing their jobs, there are other options he could pursue. One such option is to invest in displaced-worker programs. This way, those who lost their jobs can learn new skills and adapt without threatening the economy as a whole. However, this would mean defying the will of the USW.

James Madison, the father of the constitution, warned of the threat that factions posed to the common good. Actions such as the new tire tariff show that this threat is still potent even with our well-designed Constitution. Much blame can be put on our system where candidates rely heavily on donations from political action committees but it is also evident that a statesman who puts personal success above the welfare of the people is not the ideal. If President Obama wants to live up to the high standards he set for himself of heralding a new kind of politics, he could start by deviating from this path of returning favors at the cost of the nation's well-being.

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BY T3 with special guest,
Tasmanian Devil

Everyone enjoy this last week of being a college kid because, starting next weekend, we officially go to a university.

Craigsfest. Everyone sweats, everyone smells, everyone spills, and everyone leaves satisfied.

Welcome to the wonderful season fall. That means football, foliage and frosty temperatures.



I have one question for you, Kanye West: How could you be so heartless?

R.I.P., Patrick Swayze. You had the time of your life, but now it is time to go into the light.

Goodbye, TrueBlood. How could you leave us without Eric for a whole year?!

Like it or 'LUM' it: A senior laments Loyola's designation change

Ah, to be a freshman again. It's every college-loving senior's dream come true. Loyola University Maryland made that dream a reality for me these past few weeks.

But like most things at the new LU, they got it backwards. The blinking-naively-at-new-and-unfamiliar-things phase of freshman year – that wasn't the fun part (at least not for me, world's slowest adapter.) And that neatly sums up my experience since returning to school.

The once warm and welcoming Primo's Market is taking itself really seriously these days. It's adopted the attitude of a five-star restaurant, barring entry to those not willing to pony up the hefty prix fixe entry fee.

Popping in for a price-inflated Diet Pepsi before class, I felt myself becoming immediately nervous that my business casual attire wasn't up to dress code standards for the dining area. Although my own food preferences are admittedly on the frou-frou side, it seems like overkill for a college dining hall bakery to resemble the Whole Foods patisserie.

A friend returning from her year abroad in Belgium pointed out that the overhauled dining plan wasn't exactly helping the return-to-home-college (or rather, home university) culture shock. I can't speak for all non-freshmen, but I don't feel as though my transaction is fully complete without being asked, "Meal, or Evergreen?" It's hard to refute that "Restrictive Meal" sounds, well, more restrictive than "Dining Advantage," but at this point, any arbitrary name changes after The Big One only serve to further unsettle me.

It's tough to find fault with the magical

new swipe cards, or more accurately, "touch cards," but their newness only added to my deer-in-the-headlights feeling upon return to campus. And for the love of all things Jesuit, what happened to the stairs bridging the Campion to Seton ravine along Cold Spring? If anything, the wood rot only added to their charm.

Perhaps my most objective argument against the Loyola University marketing scheme is its inconsistency – specifically with its avowed pledge to put the "green" in Evergreen. On syllabus day, three-fifths of my professors launched into exhaustive speeches discouraging the use of computers in the classroom, and then, in the same breath, touted e-mail as the most effective means of contact!

I'm not saying that there's no middle ground in the great paper-versus-gigabyte debate, but it seems hypocritical to tout computers as useful academic tools while assuming that all students use them in class solely to update their statuses on Facebook. ("Joe Schmoe is in class, visibly irritating his professor, lessening his chances of an A with each passing minute.")

We may be a Jesuit school, but we shouldn't need to model the Vatican in our awareness and acclimation to social change.

I guess on that note, my own religion kind of goes without saying at this point in my argument. But after three years, is expecting

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Global Perspectives: Gender inequality still a worldwide problem

The government of Madrid is attempting to address issues of gender inequality in Spain by sponsoring a series of commercials and advertisements to promote the inclusion of women in the workforce. One commercial in

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particular presents the following scenario: A young, attractive and well-qualified male candidate is getting interviewed for a company position. The interviewer acknowledges that the candidate's credentials are impressive, but then proceeds to ask him whether or not he plans to get pregnant in the near future. Naturally, the young man is stupefied by the absurd question and remains speechless. The moral of the story: If such a question is considered inappropriate for a man, it should also be considered inappropriate for a woman.

Of course, the commercial is not a literal representation of a typical interview given to a male candidate. In fact, the situation itself is unrealistic because men are biologically incapable of getting pregnant. However, the commercial does stress an important point: Spanish women tend to have more difficulty obtaining competitive work positions with reasonable wages when they choose to have children. In contrast, family planning is almost never considered an obstacle for an ambitious male worker.

Spanish women in general seem to support this government-sponsored initiative and recognize that society still views the working woman somewhat negatively. Even Spanish men acknowledge that a greater inclusion of women in the workforce is essential for social and economic progress, although their tradi-

tional views on marriage and children remain, for the most part, unchanged. Interestingly, many of those who have reacted unfavorably to the commercials are none other than American male college students.

Initially, these negative reactions seem almost counterintuitive because American men, who are apparently more accustomed to competitive working women, are expected to be more accepting and supportive of women's rights. However, as women continue to advance in American society, men develop a false sense of social advancement and begin to assume that gender inequality is no longer an issue. Some even go as far as to claim that feminists are practicing "reverse gender discrimination" by intentionally placing men at educational and economic disadvantages, thus exacerbating problems with gender inequality. While most American men are very supportive of gender equality in the workplace, the problem is that some erroneously believe that addressing gender issues is irrelevant and unnecessary in today's society. Consequently, American men make the mistake of applying this mentality when they evaluate gender issues in foreign countries.

Spain, specifically, has one of the highest gender inequality levels in the European Union. According to the Population Reference Bureau, only 43 percent of women over the age of fifteen are economically active (compared to 67 percent of men). The percentage of economically active women in Spain is substantially lower than the 60 percent of American women who are actively participating in the labor market. The unemployment rate for women is at about 15 percent, which is considerably higher

than the 8 percent rate for men. As for wage discrepancies, women make about 25 percent less than their male counterparts in equivalent job positions.

Wage discrepancies are generally attributed to issues of balancing work with family life. Although women are integrating in increasing numbers into the workforce, they still maintain their traditional domestic responsibilities. In 2003, about 96 percent of working mothers requested childcare leave. Around 99 percent of working mothers take maternity leave when a newborn arrives (generally up to four months with reduced pay provided by the social security). Men are technically allowed to take paternity leave, but the statistics indicate that they rarely take on that kind of responsibility.

Most Spaniards are well aware of their country's gender issues, but some still need to reconsider traditional roles that are currently impeding social and economic progress for women. Despite the aforementioned cultural constraints, the situation for Spanish women will undoubtedly improve because there is a collective acknowledgment of problems caused by gender inequality. Nonetheless, Spanish men should be careful not to dismiss the issue of gender inequality as insignificant or even nonexistent once the gap begins to close. Gender inequality may be minimized substantially in a relatively short period of time, but that does not equate to a complete eradication of gender discrimination.

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Abandoning missile shield only sends message of appeasement

I sure hope President Obama can hold his vodka. In the wake of his recent foreign policy blunder, it is going to take a lot more than "teachable moments" with beer to please Vladimir Putin.

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Once again we find ourselves in a power struggle with Russia. The event I am referring to is President Obama's September 17th announcement to abandon Bush's Eastern European Missile Defense Shield. This missile shield was to be based in Poland and the Czech Republic and was to serve as a preventative measure against long-range missiles from hostile nations such as Iran.

The decision comes after a change in the assessment of Iran's long-range nuclear capabilities. Whereas the Bush administration estimated Iran's long-range capabilities to be complete by 2012, the Obama administration pushed this estimation back to 2018. The new missile defense plan would be more tailored to short-range missiles and would have more systems deployed at sea.

Although changing the missile defense plan to match these new estimates makes some sense, it makes even more sense in light of the fact that Obama is about to meet with the Russian president Dmitry Medvedev at the G-20 Summit. Russia has outspokenly disapproved of Bush's missile defense system, saying the system interfered with its own

missile capability and the U.S. sees Russia as an important asset in countering Iran. Now the Russian government welcomes Obama with open arms, saying, "Now we can talk about restoration of the strategic partnership between Russia and the United States."

What President Obama fails to see is that in his desire to bring about a "strategic partnership" with the Motherland, he is sending the wrong message to his allies, and an even worse message to his enemies. The message he sends to his allies is that alliances with the U.S. are temporal and of the moment. Poland and the Czech Republic allied with the U.S. during the Iraq War, which was no easy decision and caused leaders of both nations to suffer domestic political consequences. In a time where Russia is beginning to reassert its influence over its neighboring countries, a withdrawal of support to the Eastern Bloc is devastating. Already the Ukraine and Georgia have had trouble entering NATO due to Russian objections. How will the Baltic States already in NATO fare when the head of NATO has also spoken of his desire for a "strategic partnership".

The decision it sends to our enemies is even worse. Although Russia is no longer considered the cold-hearted, Olympics-cheating, James Bond-defying enemy of our past, they have by no means been our friend. Many members of the Kremlin blame the U.S. for the economic downturn and have been difficult in the cooperation process. Russian diplomacy has been the very antithesis of

Obama's global partnership initiatives. They have used hard power to achieve territorial gains in Georgia and in disputes over gas in the Ukraine. The message that this sends to Russia is one of weakness and an America willing to appease. The message it sends to the world is the same.

And what is this strategic partnership that the U.S. is so willing to enter into at the expense of allies and its image of strength? In return for the abandonment, Russia now allows U.S. aircraft to cross Russian airspace on the way to Afghanistan. It does not, however, budge from its position that Iran is not a threat and continues to object to sanctions on Iran. In case you forgot, this whole thing started to combat Iran's missile threat. What a partnership.

One thing I will give President Obama is his impeccable sense of timing and history. The same day he announced this decision was the 70th anniversary of the Soviet takeover of Poland – talk about a Molotov cocktail.

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Vaccinating against H1N1 carries risks

BY CHRIS LARABEE
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With students returning to cramped college classrooms in droves, the potential for a worsening swine flu pandemic seems almost unavoidable; a concern compounded by recent outbreaks in New York.

Recent reports from Cornell University, where more than 520 students have already come down with flu symptoms, have heightened this fear locally. Given this, the course of action seems clear: it's time to go and get the new H1N1 flu vaccine. If only it were that simple.

In 1976 when a similar swine flu vaccine was administered en masse, 500 of those receiving the dose came down with a rare neurological disorder called Guillain-Barré syndrome, which caused muscle weakness, loss of reflexes and feeling, paralysis, and in 25 of the 500 cases, death.

Cases of flu vaccine-related Guillain-Barré diagnoses have steadily continued to appear since 1976. This past year my uncle, a physician, was diagnosed with the disorder after what started as a "pins and needles" feeling in his hands led to a progressive loss of muscle strength and reflexes over a period of weeks. Eventually the disorder resulted in a loss of feeling in portions of his body and localized paralysis.

Doctors deemed the cause of his condition a side effect from the flu vaccine he had received through his employer earlier that year. After an extended hospital stay and continuing rehabilitation, most of his feeling has returned, although the nerve damage he garnered from the illness may never heal entirely.

It's important to note that the disorder is not limited to flu vaccines alone. Since 2006, reports of Guillain-Barré have resulted from the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine given to women and young girls, resulting in 18 deaths. Such occurrences have led 17 states to enact legislation to better educate the public of the vaccine's risks and other states to end mandating its administration.

This is not to say that becoming vaccinated is riskier than not. With many deaths attributed to the H1N1 virus in the U.S. already, not getting vaccinated also carries its own dangers. But because the risk of Guillain-Barré syndrome is often not listed as a side effect of the vaccine and is widely unknown by the public, it is important to become educated before making your decision.

Various polls of doctors in the United Kingdom published last month found that between 29 percent and 49 percent of doctors would reject receiving the vaccine, largely due to health risks and lack of proper testing. These concerns are surfacing at a time when states such as New York have begun mandating the vaccine for all health care workers. Similar to the HPV vaccine, look to see these mandates reversed once the side effects begin to manifest.

Personally, after witnessing its effects in my own family, I will take the stance of many doctors and chose not to be vaccinated, opting instead for alternative methods that will decrease my risk without the potential for paralyzing side effects.

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WLOY Radio launches Coffee House concert series

BY TAYLOR DEBOER
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On Thursday, Sept. 17, numerous Loyola singer-songwriters came to The Reading Room to listen to a local musician and established Baltimore songwriter Karyn Oliver.

Ten or so brave students played original songs or recited a poem for Ms. Oliver, followed by some of her constructive criticism. This event, known as the Coffee House brought to you by WLOY Radio, will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month.

Red Canoe muffins and Zeke's coffee are on hand as an added bonus to a night filled with musical creativity.

Karyn Oliver, the former president of the Baltimore Songwriters Association, released her debut LP, Hurricane, in 2007. In addition to her busy schedule of touring and songwriting, Oliver takes time to host a weekly radio show on WLOY in which she highlights the music of regional musicians.

On Thursday, Oct. 15, Ken Gutberlet, will be performing and critiquing the Coffee House. Ken, another local Baltimore musician, is known for his Americana/roots style and interesting guitar arrangements.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, David Glaser of Annapolis will be performing and critiquing. Glaser has been writing and performing music for nearly thirty years and is currently touring with Dan Navarro of the duo Lowen and Navarro.

Sophomore Chris Uehlinger and friends known as Groove Pie performed a song inspired by a dada poem—an ambitious

spectacle for a few student musicians. Sophomore duo of Dave and Maria played a wonderful original song in which Maria's beautifully melodic voice filled every corner of the large room.

Junior Pat Taylor bravely performed a soft Elliott Smith-inspired ballad and first song that he's written to a warm reception. Sophomore Laura Geron covered a wonderful rendition of John Mayer's "Why Georgia?"

Numerous other Loyola students, who I don't currently know but, hope to encounter again, graced the stage with a variety of original songs and covers.

Besides the several musicians that bravely sang and played their own songs, Three poems and a rap were recited. Junior, Jerry Fagerberg's spoken word poem was a nice change of pace from the series of folk ballads.

And Oliver even told Fagerberg that his poem was very much a song and that'd she'd love to see melody added to it.

Senior, Donald Vincent rapped and read one of his own poems to the beats and guitar playing of Senior, JW Sargent. Charles Clark also read two poems during the open mike section at the end of the night.

As a musician myself, I find it very inspiring that Loyola musicians finally have a place to get their music out there and have a professional musician as a guide. After sitting in the Reading Room for three

hours on Thursday, what I found so inspiring was not the plethora of songwriters present, but the large number of spectators that chose to come listen to their peers perform instead of pre-gaming for a night at Mad River.

The Coffee House truly brings out a different cultural cross section of Loyola that many of us would normally never see. It is a good vehicle for all the singers/songwriters/poets to voice their work. Many Loyola students comfortable live within the Loyola bubble, skeptical to venture into Baltimore to experience local music.

WLOY's Coffee House brings the music to them and also gives them an opportunity expand their own songwriting prowess.

There were nearly fifty students in the Reading Room this past Thursday but I'd love to see even more on October 15th. It'd be truly moving to see the Reading Room completely filled with both musicians and spectators in support of Loyola's ever-expanding music scene.



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WLOY Radio's new Coffee House concert series seeks to bring out fresh Loyola talent in both music and poetry. Hosted by local Baltimore singer-songwriter Karyn Oliver, the Coffee House series will continue throughout the rest of the fall semester.

Iowa City band, BackDrop, on the rise in music scene

BY MEGHAN HOLE
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When I think of Iowa, I think of the country. Maybe it's just me, or maybe it's a stereotype of the area.

So when I saw that the band BackDrop was from Iowa City, Iowa, I half expected to hear country music. What I heard was something completely different. The guitar, drums, bass and vocal blew me away.

I did have some problems getting into contact with them, but they more than made up for it. "...You can write the article about the drummer messing up," said Alex, the bassist of the band.

I couldn't be that mean. BackDrop is made up of three guys: Landen, Alex and Brandon. Landen plays the guitar and sings vocals, Alex is on the bass, and Brandon is the drummer. These guys have one EP out, and the name of it is simple. "The EP."

I got into contact with Landen, and asked



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The three band members of BackDrop are pictured above. The band hails from Iowa City, Iowa. Not the typical locale for an up-and-coming rock band.

him about the inner workings of BackDrop.

Meghan Hole: How long have you guys

been a band?

Landen Boyer: We have been together and touring off and on for almost two years

now.

MH: How did you meet?

LB: We all grew up in the same town, and went through high school together.

MH: Do you have any nicknames for each other?

LB: None – we need some though!

MH: Where are you all from?

LB: All three of us are from Iowa City, Iowa.

MH: What's it like being from Iowa?

LB: It's great living here, we all live in a college town, [and] we have a blast! We live right in the middle between four major cities that are only like four or five hours away. Omaha, Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City, which is sweet.

MH: Have you ever played in Baltimore?

LB: Currently, we haven't been able

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'Dirty Dancing' star Patrick Swayze passes away

BY SARA CARR
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

Patrick Swayze, the beloved film actor behind many of Hollywood's greatest romances, passed away September 14 after a long-fought, 20-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Nobody put Patrick Swayze in a corner. The beloved actor of "Dirty Dancing" and "Ghost" fame knew how to play both tough and tender characters in a lengthy career that touched so many audiences worldwide. Besides the aforementioned romance films, his career included "The Outsiders," "Red Dawn," "Road House," "Point Break," and "Donnie Darko" (as well as a cameo in "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights"). He worked on the show "The Beast" even when he was going through chemotherapy treatments last year.

The son of a dance instructor and a rodeo cowboy, Swayze grew up in Texas and would meet his future wife, Lisa Niemi, at the dance studio where they lessons as teenagers. They were married for 34 years and shared a love of the outdoors and horseback riding.

Swayze began his career as a dancer, appearing as Danny Zuko in a Broadway production of "Grease." His film debut



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Patrick Swayze is pictured above with *Dirty Dancing* costar, Jennifer Grey. The movie would cement his status as a major actor in film industry and a romantic lead.

was in the 1979 film "Skatetown U.S.A.," a production about the popular trend of the time, roller disco. He started to break into the Hollywood elite with his starring role in "The Outsiders," a Francis Ford Coppola-directed film that chronicled the lives of young gangsters in the 1950s. In the film, Patrick Swayze played the older brother of Rob Lowe's character, Sodapop.

It wasn't until "Dirty Dancing" became an international sensation in the summer of 1987 that Swayze became an affirmed member of the A-list and earned his first of three Golden Globe nominations.

In the film he stars as the hard-edged Johnny Castle who falls in love with Frances "Baby" Houseman (Jennifer Gray), a rich, young and sheltered teenager who vacations with her family at the resort where Johnny teaches dance.

The little independent film shot on a modest budget in locations in Virginia and North Carolina would go on to become one of the biggest blockbusters of that year. Despite mixed reviews among film critics, the movie took on a life of its own earning, \$10 million in its first 10 days of release (a feat for the time). "Dirty Dancing" would go on to earn more than \$63 million

domestically and \$170 million worldwide.

Not only did the film fare well, but the film's soundtrack also generated three Billboard hits, "(I've Had) the Time of My Life," "Hungry Eyes," and "She's Like the Wind," which Swayze co-wrote and performed the lead vocals.

Swayze became not only the mold for all other male romantic leads, but he undeniably influenced many other dance-centric romances over the years as well. Additionally, his prowess on the dance floor impressed movie audiences so much that the film markedly raised the attendance in dance courses in the years after its release.

Swayze surpassed the success of "Dirty Dancing" two years later in the supernatural romance film "Ghost," costarring Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg (who would win the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress).

In the film, Swayze stars as Sam Wheaton, a man living a comfortable life with girlfriend, Molly (Moore), in New York City. When he is murdered by an armed thief in the street, he roams the city as a ghost searching for his killer while protecting his grieving girlfriend and forming an unlikely friendship with Oda Mae Brown, a disgruntled

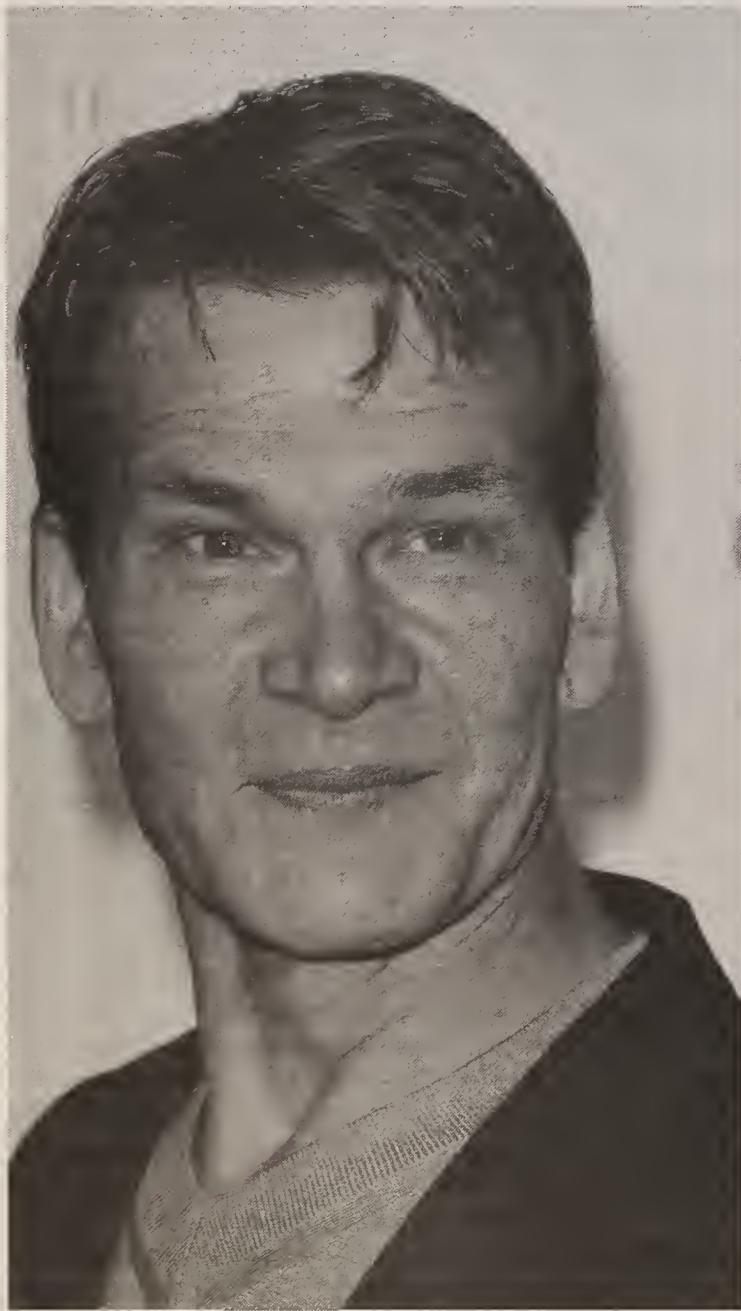


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Patrick Swayze passed away after a brave 20 month battle with pancreatic cancer, a very aggressive form of cancer.

medium played Goldberg, who is the only person who can hear him.

The film would go on to boast a \$505 million box-office take and the famous "pottery" scene would be parodied many times over. The film is now being adapted into a musical stage production to open in London's West End in Spring 2010.

In his last acting performance, he played the lead, Charles Barker, in the television series "The Beast." In the show he is an FBI agent paired with a young partner (Travis Fimmel) who uses controversial tactics in order to get the bad guys. His character is also presented to have a dark past and may be a rogue officer.

Though the series only had the chance to film one season, Swayze's performance was a major success with critics, many of them comparing him to Clint Eastwood. It would later be revealed that he opted not to take his prescribed pain medications during filming so as not to weigh down his performance.

Swayze fought his battle with cancer valiantly and courageously. Pancreatic cancer is known to be one of the most aggressive forms of cancer, often left undetected until its advanced stages, claiming the lives of 75 percent of those diagnosed with the disease.



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Patrick Swayze in his final acting performance as an FBI agent in the A&E television show, *The Beast*.

Hip-Hop Block reviews Kid Cudi's debut album

BY DONALD VINCENT
MUSIC CRITIC

Scott Mescudi (Kid Cudi) has given the contemporary hip-hop scene a reason to look up to the stars in search for Cudi's other persona as the Man on the Moon. Nowadays, rappers treat their debut albums like a hamper full of dirty laundry. But with Cudi, listeners get a closet full of clean clothes that is ordered by color and style.

Cudi takes us into his mind first, and we go through the stages of his life in five acts narrated by the rapper Common. The five-act sequence gives us a cinematic experience: One should be able to turn the lights down low and zone out to this album, which in a few years will be seen as a hip-hop classic.

Act One: The End of the Day

For Kid Cudi, the best part of life is when he is dreaming. For most people lost and troubled trying to cope with the everyday problems that occur, life in between dreams can be a struggle.

Trance-like beats take us into the perils of darkness in the album's opening track, "In My Dreams." Ever wanted to put a beat to complement your darkest dreams? Producer Emile does just that.

"I can think of anything and everything

I ever needed / right here in my dreams / everything is A-OK / I don't worry 'bout anything / cause everyday, everyday, everyday is sunny."

Cudi lays down the framework for painting the perfect picture of how low things can get in life. Followed by "Soundtrack to My Life," we see more of Cudi's life.

"I got / 99 problems / and they all b-- / wish I was Jigga man / carefree living."

We all have problems, whether they are stress from work, boyfriends, finances, school, and on and on and on; however, the next act does not resolve Cudi's issues set forth in the opening act. In fact, they get worse as the dreams turn into nightmares in the next act.

Act Two: Rise of the Night Terrors

As the song "Solo Dolo" plays, the sounds get more mysterious and darker as Cudi questions the difference between right and wrong and our reasons for existing.

"Listen good / I don't have / nobody / but what / I might feel / are the sounds of sanity... Why must it / feel so wrong / when I try and do right?"

Honestly, we can ask ourselves the same thing. Why? But after proclaiming himself as Mr. Solo Dolo throughout the chorus of the song, he rephrases the statement to better relate it to the audience.

"Why must it / feel so right / when I know

that it's wrong?"

If you're reading thus far, have you cheated on a test? That is wrong, but sometimes it feels oh-so right? Have you used a friend's ID to get into the bar? Well that is wrong, but when your boogying on the dance floor, doesn't it just feel so right?

The last song of this act shows us a more personal side of Cudi that any high school nerd and avid artist can relate to — "My World." In "My World" (which features Billy Cravens), Cudi is left lonely when his father dies and he assesses his school situation with the opposite sex.

"Tried every sport just to impress all the girls / instead of all the ladies / 'cause they talked down / I was too artsy / known to be a clown / and now my Facebook proper / 'cause I told the same girls I would be the hot s--"

And, according to Cudi on the chorus, "It will be his world!"

Act Three: Taking A Trip

If we rewind the album a couple of songs back to "Mr. Solo Dolo" we can see exactly what Cudi means when he says, "Why must it feel so wrong when I try and do right?"

In this act we have the hit single "Day N Nite" followed by "Sky Might Fall."

Produced by Kanye, Cudi is seemingly thinking aloud: "Grey clouds up above man / metaphors to my life man." Even if the sky falls, Cudi won't worry. He finds shelter in

the way he copes with his problems, even if that means resorting to a preferred drug or alcoholic beverage.

The last song in this act is the trippiest (new word) song on the album. It is about a love connection while not in a normal state of mind. What state of mind is he in you may ask? Check out the lyrics to the song and you can instantly vibe and dance to this song. Make sure you're with a friend.

With the last two acts being "Stuck" and "A New Beginning," the cycle of a great album has completed its 360-degree revolution.

This album is a classic. It is propelled by a unique sound with beats that are complemented by the lyrics. The beats and the lyrics make the songs; in turn, those songs make up the acts, which all come together to make a cohesive depiction of a story through rap.

Houston, Houston, we have a problem. There has been a man spotted on the moon. Cudi is not just a rapper, or singer, or techno proprietor, or club-music man, but simply an artist. Kid Cudi is distancing himself from other rappers with his debut album.

While most music artists today may be in their own little worlds, Cudi is out of this world. Blast off and enjoy this unearthly creation that is a soon-to-be classic.

BackDrop hopes to hit the road on tour this fall

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to reach as far as Baltimore, but soon I hope!

MH: How do you guys come up with song concepts?

LB: We usually write about things that have happened to us recently, and when we put these things into songs, we try to make them as relatable as possible. Most of our songs are about relationships, but every now and then something different will come up, like politics or some other idea.

MH: What is the process of writing music like for you?

LB: We usually form the melodies first, then put the guitar parts to the melody. Then we'll hit up the drum part, and once the song is formatted how we like it, we work on the lyrics last.

MH: Are you guys on tour?

LB: Currently we are not, but we'll have a two-week tour this winter, and we do weekend tours as often as we can during the school year.

MH: What's [being on tour] like?

LB: It's a great time — gotta make sure you eat healthy though! You can never be too prepared (laughs), and sleeping the car isn't much fun, but you do what you gotta do.

MH: How long did it take to get your EP together?

LB: We wrote the songs for the EP last fall, and during the winter spent about a week out at Electrowerks Music Production in Downers Grove, Illinois to record it.

MH: Who are your biggest influences?

LB: Anberlin, A Change of Pace, Staind, Cartel, Hit The Lights, Breaking Benjamin, Fall Out Boy [and] All Time Low.

MH: What's your favorite thing about being in a band?

LB: Playing live is my favorite; you have to be at your best 'cause it's a chance to win over new fans, and play for those who already are fans of [yours].

MH: What's a typical band practice like for you?

LB: If we're not breaking down a new song, we'll just go in a circle, usually calling out a song to play 'till everyone gets too tired. (Laughs) Sometimes 45 minutes, [or] sometimes four hours!

MH: Do you guys ever fight about anything?

LB: Every now and then, we all enjoy pissing each other off. Not too often do we seriously fight though, unless our trailer breaks down, which happens. (Laughs)

MH: How do you guys use the Internet

to promote yourselves?

LB: MySpace is the best tool, you can communicate so easily and contact tons of people to let them know what you're all about, post music, videos, blog, the works! Facebook is decent, and Twitter helps keep fans up to date, but MySpace is definitely our main tool.

MH: What are your plans for the future?

LB: We're hoping to find a booking agent at some point soon, that way we can be on the road most of the time and out of school!

Check out BackDrop at <http://www.myspace.com/backdropband>, on Facebook and Twitter.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA WIDNESS
The band's writing process starts with the melodies and then the guitar parts, drums, and the lyrics last.

Aries (March 21-April 20) Work mates and officials may this week offer previously denied permissions. New employment applications or contracts will provide results: search out as many new outlets and income sources as possible. After Wednesday watch

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also for a series of personal questions from a friend or lover.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Early this week a friend or lover may relive intense romantic memories. Do your best to encourage personal reflection and inward thought: at present, loved ones may need to clarify yesterday's social patterns and lifestyle choices. After Tuesday watch also for a minor financial disagreement. Check facts thoroughly: leases or long-term contracts may be complicated by mistaken numbers or lost documents.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Carefully study social promises this week. Although love and friendship are positive, confusion concerning times, dates or planned events may be draining. Remain patient and expect minor jealousies between loved ones for the next three days. After Wednesday an unusual business proposal may arrive. Respond quickly to valuable options and new partnerships in research, marketing or sales.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Monday through Wednesday expect friends and lovers to offer gentle expressions of affection and trust. Emotional intimacy will now increase; watch for loved ones to easily communicate their deepest fears, doubts and passions. After mid-week a business partner or work colleague may propose a controversial solution to an ongoing problem: go slow and wait for further developments. Minor financial adjustments will need to be debated.

Leo (July 23-August 22) This week workplace relations will have a cheerful, almost humorous tone: expect co-workers or business partners to leave past disappointments and stress behind. Team co-operation will soon be an ongoing theme: watch for meaningful improvements. Tuesday through Thursday accents revised home agreements: expect loved ones to ask for extra privacy. This weekend a friend may express doubt or criticize a romantic partner.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Over the next few days friends and lovers may be more expressive than usual: expect fast progress interlaced with slow moments of nostalgia. Loved ones will search out emotional intimacy and work hard to move relationships forward. Don't hold back: planetary alignments suggest that eight months of social and romantic miscommunications can now be steadily resolved.

Libra (September 23-October 22) Late Monday business officials may comment on past performance: watch for subtle compliments and rare permissions. Over

the next few days, however, remain silently cheerful: at present fellow workers may be highly sensitive to seniority, lost promotions or slow progress. After mid-week new social interests are highlighted: expect a close friend or relative to offer unique proposals.

Scorpio (October 24-November 22) Group messages will be fast and furious this week: by mid-week expect a sharp rise in gossip, romantic speculation and social information. For many Scorpios a long period of emotional withdrawal is ending. Join in and enjoy: revitalized relationships will now bring added confidence. After Thursday avoid financial promises or decisions. In the coming weeks business relations may be unstable or easily postponed.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 20) Silence or social withdrawal will this week be revealed to have been the right option. Romantic triangles, social disagreements or family conflicts will soon fade: expect positive gains and a new understanding between loved ones. Tuesday through Thursday loved ones may need to discuss revised home routines. Remain open. Late this weekend a brief but intense period of business ideas and workplace expansion arrives.

Capricorn (December 21-January 20) Over the next four days friends and colleagues will acknowledge your unique contributions. Team work, fast office changes and unpopular duties may be key issues: let others know their support has been highly valued. After Thursday a lover or close friend may reveal a long history of admiration and private affection: nostalgic, social respect and romantic sharing are all featured.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19) Before mid-week a colleague may openly discuss workplace history or refer to a previous costly mistake. Stand your ground: even though co-workers are generally disposed in your favor, mild confrontations may be draining. Don't give it more energy than it deserves: rivals may now be searching for weakness. After Tuesday minor flirtations can easily turn passionate.

Pisces (February 20-March 20) Social complications and quick romantic changes may be the topic of conversation over the next few days: expect friends and co-workers to be distracted by gossip or emotional speculation. All of this is harmless, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid neglecting work routines or important projects: before Friday deadlines and the needs of authority figures will be draining. Wednesday through Saturday pay attention to minor comments.

If your birthday is this week...romance will be intense and draining over the next six weeks. After this week expect both loved ones and potential mates to actively seek your attention or approval. Relationships that gently expand over the next few weeks will remain in your life. On the other hand, loved ones that avoid change or refuse to acknowledge new emotional needs will begin fading from your life.

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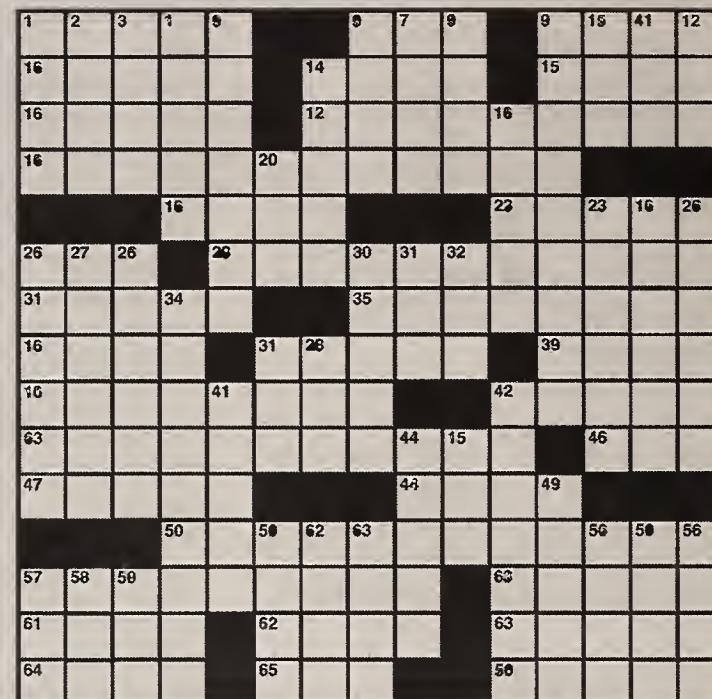
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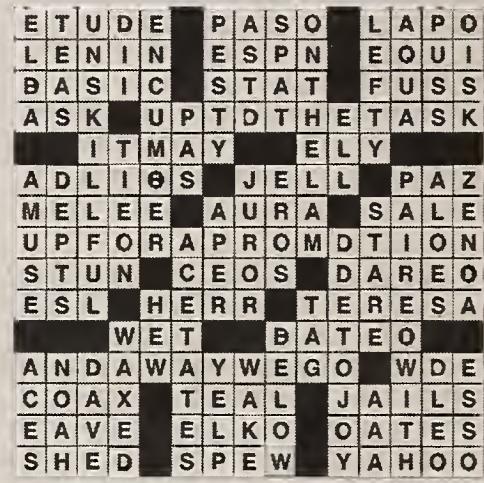
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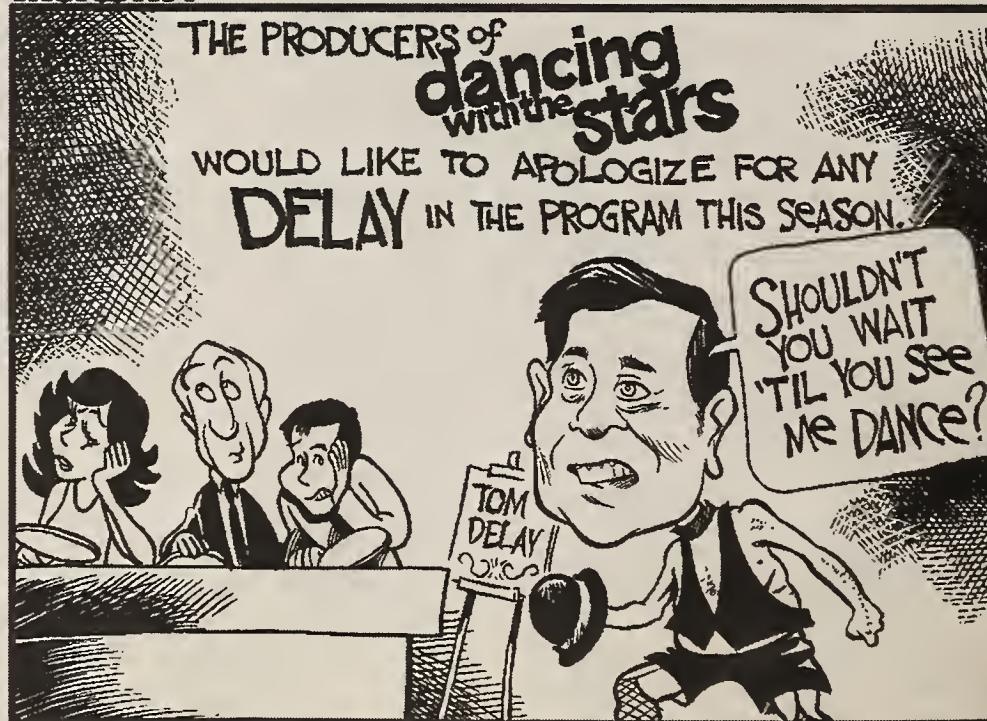


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TYLER FITZPATRICK/GREYHOUND

Kyle Wittman has helped Loyola with by recording three shutouts for the Hounds so far this season. Wittman has filled in fine for Milos Kocic since taking over the reigns this year, proving that he is more than capable of leading Loyola to many victories.

Men's Soccer picks up big win against local Rival on Towson, Phil Bannister returns to lineup

BY PATRICK TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, September 19, the Loyola Greyhounds Men's Soccer team took on the Towson Tigers in a local battle, with the Hounds emerging with a one to nothing victory.

Loyola (3-2-1) needed this win to climb above .500, and in doing so proved that they still have the ability to win close competitions, something that they have struggled with early in the year.

Besides the important victory, the other big headline from the day was the return of junior Phil Bannister, who returned to the lineup after suffering an injury early in the season on September 4th.

Not only did Bannister return, but he did so in style, recording the only goal of the contest. Bannister's absence had been noticeable for the Hounds, with the team recording a record of 2-1-1 during that time.

The game in which his absence was most felt was the Quinnipiac game, which Loyola tied 0-0. Had Bannister been available, it's likely that Loyola would have come up with the victory.

His play was key to the Loyola victory on Saturday, and not just because of the goal. Being partnered back up top with co-captain Jamie Darvill gave the Towson defenders fits at times, and Loyola showed why they boast one of the best forward tandems in the nation.

Darvill and Bannister's importance was

evident on the only goal of the matchup.

A little less than 30 minutes into the match, Darvill intercepted a pass in the offensive third for Loyola, and found Bannister waiting across the field.

Bannister took possession and shook a Tiger defender before blasting a shot past the helpless goalkeeper, giving the Newcastle native his first goal of the season.

"It was good to get back to playing again, even not at 100%" said Bannister. "The goal and the win made it all worthwhile though."

Another player who came up big was junior goalkeeper Kyle Wittman, who recorded seven saves on 13 Towson shots, and recorded his third shutout of the season

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Women's Soccer picks up a big shutout win over American, battles to a hard fought tie against Old Dominion

BY RICH CONFORTI
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Loyola women's soccer team began their games for the week with a successful trip to the nation's capital that resulted in a 2-0 victory over American University on September 18th.

The win resulted in another shutout for goalkeeper Brittany Henderson; her second in what has been a great season for the senior.

This contest will be remembered for the key plays of two freshmen, something that has to please Coach Vettori and the coaching staff.

Early in the season, Vettori noted the roles that several freshmen would play on the team, and the need for them to be able to be contributors from the get go.

Freshman Nichole Schiro was responsible for the game-winning goal, with the finish coming in the 70th minute on a cross from Theresa Ferraina.

Schiro's strike was her second of the season and of her young career.

The goal that sealed the game came just five minutes later, as freshman Jennifer Thornton's drawn foul would earn the Hounds a penalty kick.

Senior Christina Gomez would connect on the kick, bringing the Loyola lead to two goals.

As usual, Henderson was tremendous, shutting out the Eagles despite facing thirteen shots. The Eagles outshot the Greyhounds 13-6.

The win brought the Hounds to .500, giving them a chance to open conference play with a winning record, something that should only benefit the morale of the squad.

Coming out of such a tough non-conference schedule at .500 or better would have to be considered a win for the team as they look to recapture the MAAC championship.

Being tested like this so early in the season

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KAT KIENLE/GREYHOUND
Colleen Kinealy and the rest of the women's soccer team are going to need to continue strong play if they want to challenge for the MAAC championship this season. The Hounds finished off their non-conference schedule with a win and a tie.

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Loyola beats Towson, prepares for UMBC match

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for the Hounds.

Wittman came up especially big in the second half, with just over 20 minutes to go in the game.

A Towson forward gained possession of the ball and ripped a shot low to the near post, but Wittman was more than equal to the challenge and his kick save kept Loyola in the lead.

He was almost called into action later in the game, but a great slide tackle by co-captain Tennant McVea ended the threat.

Despite being outshot by the Tigers, the Hounds held the better opportunities and were unlucky to capitalize on more chances.

In the second half, Bannister was denied a few times and junior Daniel Ankrah had a shot deflected away that seemed goal bound.

Another plus for Loyola has been the play of Wade McHugh. Often unheralded, McHugh has been a scrappy player for Loyola this year after having a strong season last year.

Against Towson he was one of the best players on the pitch, constantly fighting and working his way up and down the right flank.

The fire and intensity was there for this local rivalry right when the whistle blew, but, surprisingly, there were no cards given to either side during the match.

At one point during the second half it seemed as though there might be some cautions, when junior Mike Deasel got into a slight altercation, but the incident was subdued and Deasel walked away unscathed.

The most important thing about Saturday's game was getting the victory and getting the Hounds back on track before they face

UMBC on Tuesday.

"I thought it was a hard fought battle," said Wittman. "And we came out with a gutsy win. I think Towson are a good team and anytime you can beat a good team it feels good."

"I also thought our entire team was committed and we took a step in the right direction, especially after a poor performance against Hartwick."

This was a sentiment shared by the entire team, as they knew they could not afford to stumble again.

"It was important to get back to winning ways after last week's disappointment," Bannister said. "We needed some big performances today and everybody rose to the challenge to grind out a result."

It was obvious from the beginning that Loyola did not want to be the team to walk out with another game in the loss column, and sure enough, they didn't.

"It was a really good win against one of our local rivals," Deasel said. "It always feels good after a win like that."

Loyola has had an edge over Towson recently, going 2-0-1 the last three times these local rivals have met each other.

Tuesday night, the team travels to play another local rival, UMBC. This game, like the Towson match, are always hard fought affairs and this one promises to be no different.

UMBC will be an even bigger challenge this year for Loyola, as they have been on a roll to start the season, going 7-0 in their first seven competitions.

"Last match was a hard fought battle," said junior midfielder Eddie Dines. "But our focus is now on UMBC as we want to prove ourselves as the best in Baltimore."

Over the past few seasons, there has been

little doubt about who is the best in Baltimore, but this year UMBC is making a case for themselves.

If the Hounds want to come out of UMBC with a result, Bannister and Darville are going to need to keep playing strong up top, while Wittman and McVea anchor the defensive duties.

The midfield has been performing well all season, and it's only a matter of time before Ankrah and Dines begin to put their names on the score sheet on a more consistent level.

Last year's competition was called early due to heavy rainfall, so this year's competition will mean even more seeing as how there was a brief hiatus in play between these foes.



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Junior defender Charlie Hutton has helped anchor the back with Tennant McVea and Kyle Wittman. Their play has helped Loyola to three wins so far this season.

Women's soccer finishes non-conference schedule with key results

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can only benefit the Greyhounds later in the season during post-season play.

In their second and final contest of the week, the Greyhounds played to a 1-1 tie in 2 overtime periods with Old Dominion on September 20th.

Continuing a trend that has developed throughout the year, key contributions came from Henderson and Ferraina, two of the team's standouts.

Ferraina would connect on what potentially could have been the game winning goal in the 60th minute.

The lead would be short-lived however, as the Monarchs would strike just three minutes later, as Aubrie Ewell would beat Henderson to bring the game to the tie that it would finish at.

The game would stay scoreless throughout the final 47 minutes, with Henderson making four saves in the extra time.

The Hounds will begin their conference play with a 4-4-2 record, and now appear prepared to face their challenging MAAC schedule.

While some may question why the team would make such a challenging non-conference schedule, it can only benefit the team when they face squads that are perhaps not as skilled as University of Maryland, or Wake Forest.

The next few weeks should be very telling

for a team that has the opportunity to be a force in the MAAC conference and perhaps beyond.

It was key for Loyola to finish its nonconference schedule with two big results, and the Hounds now go into MAAC play with a lot more confidence.

The team begins its conference slate on the road with trips to Niagara and Canisius on September 25th and 27th respectively.

Overall, these were two big results for the Hounds, as they proved they can play with high calibre teams with winning records.

The start of conference play for the Hounds will be huge, and they will look to get off to a good start against Niagara and Canisius, two teams that Loyola should be able to get wins from.

Getting off on the right foot in MAAC play will be important if the Hounds are going to challenge for the MAAC trophy, and with the squad Loyola has this year it's a very real possibility.

Leading the way this weekend will be Theresa Ferraina, whose strong play over the weekend is great news for a Loyola team looking to make some noise this season.

Senior goalkeeper Brittany Henderson will also have to continue with her strong play if Loyola is going to win. Henderson has had a great start, recording two shutouts and looks as if she will be a tough riddle for opposing offenses to crack.



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Amanda Meehan and the rest of the Loyola defensive unit kept American silent and limited Old Dominion to just one goal. MAAC play begins this weekend for Loyola.

Potential NFL lockout threatens 2011 season

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Lockout, Collective Bargaining Agreement, rookie wages, uncapped seasons, labor deals; all words that any diehard NFL fan cringes at the sound of.

Any serious fan is aware of the potential lockout that could shutdown the 2011 season of the sport that has most certainly become our nation's trademark game.

It is situations like these that bring us back down to Earth and allow us to realize that the game that we love is also a business for the men who are a part of it.

In the 22 years of football played since the league's last labor strike, the NFL has developed an air of invincibility, immune to the troubles that the other three major pro sports leagues have faced.

The NFL has developed a reputation for being one of the premier enterprises in America, a flawlessly run business similar to the likes of Apple and Google. It seems that anything that the NFL touched has turned to gold.

What has allowed the NFL to be so successful is the unwavering support from its fans. The strong support from the fans has allowed the league to give back to its fans, creating for them the ultimate fan experience.

Whether it is the top of the line stadiums around the country, an innovative network dedicated to football 24/7 or the ability to watch any game around the country at home, or the league's championship game being treated like a national holiday, it always seems that the NFL is ahead of the curve.

The fans have developed such trust in their respective teams and the league in general, that the league has been able to provide them with such amenities.

NCAA athletes reprimanded tougher than pros for temper issues

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enthusiastic fist pumps and of course his blazing red shirt. Very few think about his poor manners while on the course, which normally result in the throwing of his club or cursing in front of the camera. But Tiger doesn't seem to get fined too often.

Baseball is full of temper tantrums. How many times have we seen the manager come waddling out of the dugout and scream into the face of the umpire from two inches away. Or how about when a player gets plunked by a fastball and charges the mound? While these scuffles are often quite funny and entertaining (admit it), they reveal how immature today's athletes really are.

Of course player outbursts aren't some new thing. Sports figures like John McEnroe and Lou Piniella made careers out of it. Face it, professional sports are extremely competitive and when things don't go according to plan, players blow off some steam.

The problem however lies in the punishments that are given out to professional athletes when they act like little kids. Surely Serena will be suspended for her inappropriate behavior right? Not quite. Williams was fined \$10,500, which may seem like a lot to those of us scrapping up \$10

Simply put, Sunday's in the fall are often focused on one of the fifteen or so games being played.

The last thing that the fans, the owners, and the NFLPA want to see is a work stoppage in 2011.

If the owner's and players were truly concerned about padding their already comfortable financial situations, they would reach an agreement of some sorts sooner rather than later.

A work stoppage of even the smallest amount of time will surely be damaging to the NFL's near perfect reputation with its loyal fan base.

The first thing that the two sides should realize is to learn from not only their own past mistakes, but from the mistakes of the other three major professional sports leagues.

The NBA, arguably the most popular sport throughout the 80's and 90's suffered through a lockout in 1999 that nearly took away an entire season.

Many fans left the sport and the league went through what some would call a dark period, in which it never was able to play off of the star power that fueled the NBA for so many years.

Not until recent years has the NBA begun to once again develop a strong reputation, thanks in large part to a recent influx of superstars league wide.

Major League Baseball, once America's pastime, went through an in-season work stoppage that ended the 1994 season in August, something that the league is still feeling the repercussions of to this day.

For several years, fans refused to accept the game that they once loved, feeling as though the league betrayed them.

It took the "heroics" and home run race between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa in

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for a pizza, but it is really nothing for these superstars worth millions. Is the \$10,000 going to stop Williams from doing it again? What do you think?

These light punishments seem particularly unfair when they are compared to those handed down on NCAA athletes.

In the opening week of college football, Oregon's LeGarrette Blount threw a punch that connected with the jaw of Byron Hout from Boise State. Frustrated with the loss, and presumably some post-game trash talk, Blount lost his cool for a split second and sucker punched Hout.

How did the NCAA react? They ended Blount's collegiate career. It turns out Blount's first game of his senior season was also his last. No light fine or suspension like we see in professional sports. An entire season was lost because of a split second worth of indiscretion.

It helps to examine some suspensions from professional sports to appreciate just how substantial Blount's sentence really is. Take the altercation between Kevin Youkilis of the Boston Red Sox and Rick Porcello of the Detroit Tigers from Aug 12. After Porcello hit Youkilis with a fastball, Youkilis lost his cool and charged the mound. Both players hit

Player Profile: Junior Goalkeeper Kyle Wittman

BY PATRICK TAYLOR
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Kyle Wittman had pretty big shoes to fill when he took the place of All-American goalie Milos Kocic for the Loyola Men's Soccer team. Kocic recorded numerous shutouts, and many on the outside were unsure if Wittman would be able to put up the same kind of numbers as his predecessor.

"I think people on the outside thought that it was going to be a rough transition," said Wittman, the soccer team's junior goalkeeper. "People who never saw me play before were unsure, but the confidence the team gave me was big."

The team should have confidence in Wittman, seeing as how he's played at the top level his entire career.

Wittman has been a mainstay with the Baltimore Bays, playing with the team since he was eight years old. During this period he also featured for the Maryland ODP team for three years. Wittman also played for Calvert Hall, one of the best soccer schools in Maryland.

One of the reasons why people were unsure of Wittman was because he didn't play his first two years of college. However, he sees that time as a time of growth, not as time wasted.

"Two years behind Milos was good for me," said Wittman. "I got to see how mature and good I needed to be in order for the team to be successful."

The start of the year has been a testament to how much Wittman has matured and just how good he is. The burly goalkeeper has already recorded three shutouts and has a goal's against average of one, although that number became a little inflated after the Hartwick game.

One thing that hurts Wittman are the

changes in the back. The only true returners are co-captain Tennant McVea and junior Charlie Hutton, which has made for some tough adjustments. Steven Bantock would have been a junior defender for Loyola, but he transferred out, and Josh Taylor graduated, leaving some holes in the back to be filled by freshmen.

"We were expecting to have Bantock, so it was a shot when he didn't come back," said Wittman. "With two freshmen coming in, you're going to hit bumps and get bruised. But Tennant's a great leader in the back, and Charlie has really stepped up as well."

Despite the changes in the back, Wittman has remained solid, which is something Hutton was quick to comment on.

"Kyle has come in and not put a foot wrong," Hutton said. "His distribution is great and his kicking has been a big plus for our forwards. He also comes up with big saves at big times in games."

The part about big saves is especially true. Wittman came up huge in the Villanova game, keeping the Hounds in it before he was beaten on a shot not many goalies could get to.

Two of his biggest strengths are his agility and his intensity. If you have been to any games this year, than you have seen Wittman make a number of his trademark saves. Whether coming off a deflection or challenging for high balls sent into the area, Wittman always seems to be there to make the save.

Wittman has also received high praise early in the year, being put on the Mayor's Cup All-Tournament team after his play against Syracuse.

Still, the success isn't getting to his head, and he knows the ultimate goal is to reach the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive year.

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the ground, and both benches cleared.

What kind of suspension did these MLB players receive? Five games each. Five measly games in a 162 game season. A college player throws one punch at the end of a frustrating game and loses his season. The last truly memorable professional athlete that was suspended for the remainder of a season was Ron Artest of the Indiana Pacers.

While the referees were trying to assess fouls after a small skirmish between the Pistons and the Pacers, a fan threw a beer on Artest. How did Indiana's forward respond? By jumping in the stands and throwing haymakers at every fan in the vicinity of the culprit.

Artest was suspended for 73 regular season games and 13 playoff games. So LaGarrette Blount can throw one punch and receive the same suspension as Ron Artest who jumped into the stands and started a melee with fans?

Blount's case is not out of the ordinary however. The NCAA enforces very strict rules regarding players conduct on and off the field. For instance, a Loyola student athlete could face serious fines for cheating or receiving help on papers, exams or even homework.

While this may pose an academic as well as ethical issue, in no way are these actions illegal and they have no affect on the athlete's performance on the field. In fact, a student athlete could face suspension if he or she even requests a tutor meeting without filing the proper paper work.

But Serena Williams can threaten an official and receive a slap on the wrist? While it may seem like NCAA regulations and suspensions are rather harsh, it is time that professional sports start learning from the college model.

Handing out minor fines to extremely wealthy athletes does nothing. Just look at the NFL. Players continue to create extravagant touchdown celebrations despite the fact they will be fined each and every time. Most importantly, it is time that professional athletes like Serena Williams and Tiger Woods stop acting like children when a call or play does not go their way.

Everyone makes bad plays and referees are human. There is no need to berate an official over a call, especially when it is a tough call to make. And cursing is never appropriate when millions of fans are watching on national television. So here's a message to the professionals, grow up.

Ranting and Raving with the Editor: Part Three of Ten

BY PATRICK TAYLOR
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Loyola Fanship

Shame on Loyola fans for not turning up for the Loyola soccer match on Saturday against Towson.

If there was a legitimate excuse, than fine. If you don't like soccer, that's fine. But if you didn't go because of Craig's Fest, then shame on you.

Whenever Loyola plays Towson, UMBC or Maryland in any sport, the fans need to turn up. There was just as much yellow in the stands as there was green and white.

As leader of the North Charles Elite, I was disheartened when I showed up to find a scarce amount of fans. True, I showed up late, but for a legitimate excuse. I had games of my own. For those that went to Craig's, this is the problem with Loyola fans.

In light of this, don't start bitching when fans don't show up to your sports because of their desire to indulge. I'm pretty sure people could have spared two hours and plenty of brain cells to go to this game.

Club Soccer Referees

On Saturday morning, the Club Soccer team traveled to Maryland to play two games, the first against Maryland and the second against American.

Now, my original plan was to complain about how no collegiate athlete can play two games in a row in their sport, with a few exceptions. Soccer is not one of those exceptions.

NFL hiatus is a very real possibility for '11

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1998 to slowly bring fans back to the game. But as we are learning today, this infatuation with the long ball would bring us into another dark period for major league baseball, the Steroid Era.

The NHL lost its entire 2004-05 season to a lockout, severely damaging a league that already trailed behind the other three main American sports. The NHL has yet to recover financially, as most teams throughout the league are far from turning over a profit.

The league not only lost a season, but lost a television deal, being forced to accept a deal from the Versus network. Other programming on the Versus network includes competitive bass fishing, cycling, and bull riding.

While there is nothing wrong with any of these three sports, the NHL would surely rather have their games televised on ESPN.

The NFL has proven to be an enigma on an even larger scale, still maintaining a strong fan base throughout this recession despite the steady climb in ticket prices (league average is \$75, much more than any other league).

While this all this grim talk may be premature, the league would be wise to settle this situation early in the process, before the differences become irrevocable.

As the fans of the league, it is only right that we give the NFL the benefit of the doubt in the upcoming months. As we have learned in the past, it seems as though the NFL always makes the right decision, and this scenario should be no different.

Anyway, the plan was to complain about the scheduling, that is until the games started and we had to deal with referees who had no idea about the game of soccer.

There were blown calls all over the field, none more so than against Maryland when they were awarded a penalty. Now, the penalty wasn't the problem, it was the aftermath that was. Allow me to explain.

In soccer, the player that takes the penalty shot can't get the rebound if it hits off the post. The ball has to touch another player on the field before he can touch it, it's a basic rule that you learn in fifth grade.

A Maryland player clanked the post, got the rebound himself off the penalty shot, and Maryland subsequently scored. The referees initially called it a goal, sending me into a tirade filled with expletives and degrading comments. It wasn't my finest hour, but I wasn't about to lose on a bogus call after the entire game had been one facade after another concerning the referees.

After ten minutes of verbal abuse from myself and a few others, the referees decided to consult...with Maryland players! In 16 years of playing soccer, I had never witnessed anything like that. They literally walked up to Maryland players asking what the rule was, and the goal was eventually overturned.

The ref's were the equivalent of FAC employees reffing a game for Loyola's club soccer team, so needless to say, we were pretty upset.

Orioles Baseball

Friday night, my group of friends decided

Wittman's strong play key for men's soccer team

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"You're gonna get shut-outs and give up goals," Wittman said. "I think we can turn around what has been a rough start by our standards. We've played well in most games but been unfortunate. We have a lot of potential with this team."

While this team does have potential, Wittman realizes that his play, along with the rest of the Hounds, will have to improve as the season goes on.

"We just have to go out there everyday to improve to go further in the tournament, which is really what we want."

Many fans have been left wondering if there is something wrong with the team this year, after recording two losses and one tie out of six games, but Wittman is keen to silence the doubters.

"Right now we have a winning record, and we just really need to build on that if we're going to win the MAAC," Wittman said.

In order to win the MAAC and advance in the tournament, Wittman is going to need to put up a lot of the same numbers as Kocic, especially with Loyola's offense taking a little bit longer than usual to get started.

While the doubters may have been unsure about Wittman before the season, his dominant play through six games should be proof that he can be just as good, if not better, than Kocic. With the team by his side and a couple of wins under his belt, there's no telling just how good Wittman can be by the end of his time at Loyola.

to venture to Camden Yards to watch the Orioles take on the Red Sox. Now I know that the Orioles are over 30 games out of the playoff picture, but that doesn't mean you stop supporting your team.

Red Sox fans overwhelmed Orioles fans in the Orioles home stadium, and that's something I just don't understand. Camden Yards is a great place to watch a game, it's relatively cheap, especially when tickets are six dollars for student night, and it's a home game! Why weren't more Orioles fans there?

I was ashamed to see thousands of Red Sox jerseys compared to the few Orioles jerseys in the stands. And while I'm on the subject of jerseys, if you're going to a baseball game, don't wear a jersey or shirt of a team that isn't playing.

I love the Phillies, but at an Orioles Red Sox game I don't want to see an Utley jersey. And people that wear Yankee jerseys to those games are horrible as well. You're not taking a stand against the Red Sox, you're just being a moron that's going to get targeted by every fan at the game.

Rugby

Rugby season is about to kick into full gear, and everyone on Loyola's campus is excited about it. There's nothing better than tailgating on a Saturday, cooking some burgers and watching guys beat each other up.

The home opener is next week on Parent's Weekend, and everyone should get out to the game if possible. If you haven't been to a

rugby game, I highly recommend it.

No club sport gets as much recognition as the rugby team does, and they deserve it. They're consistently good and, as previously stated, their games are some of the most fun to watch.

So take your parents to the game, enjoy the weather and watch Connor O'Neill beat up smaller guys.

Floor Hockey

At the Activities Fair on Tuesday, a sign up sheet went around for a Floor Hockey club at Loyola.

Why did it take so long for something like this to get started. Everybody loves floor hockey, and it's one of the few childhood games that can still be played at an older age. Recently "tag" was taken off the list of games that can still be played.

Serena Williams

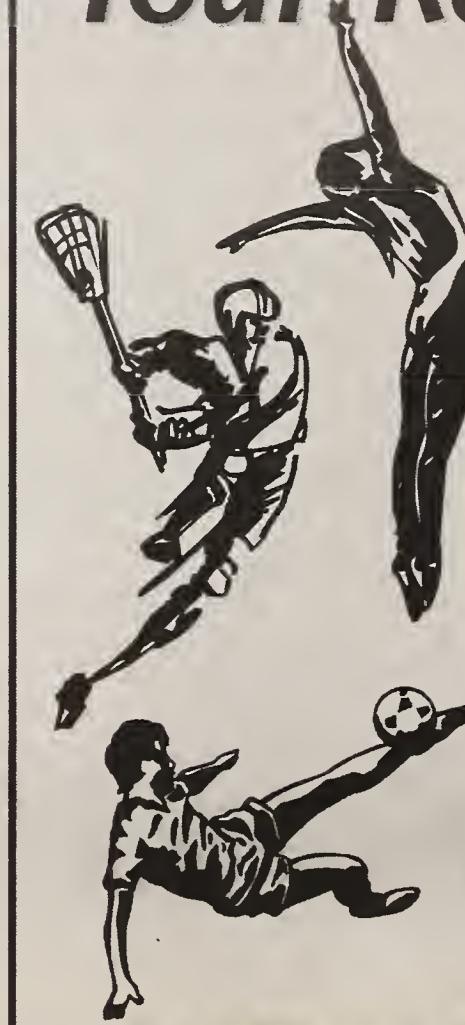
I, like millions of Americans and people all over the globe, am sick of the Williams sisters. If I didn't have a reason to before, I do now with the way Serena carried herself at the U.S. Open.

The way she cursed off the umpires is completely unprofessional, and not something a player of her caliber should do. There comes a point when these antics become childish, and that time for her is already passed.

Editor's Note: There does come a point when antics become childish, but this does not apply to myself, Ocho Cinco, Ron Artest, Allen Iverson, Shawne Merriman, Ozzie Guillen and Randy Moss.

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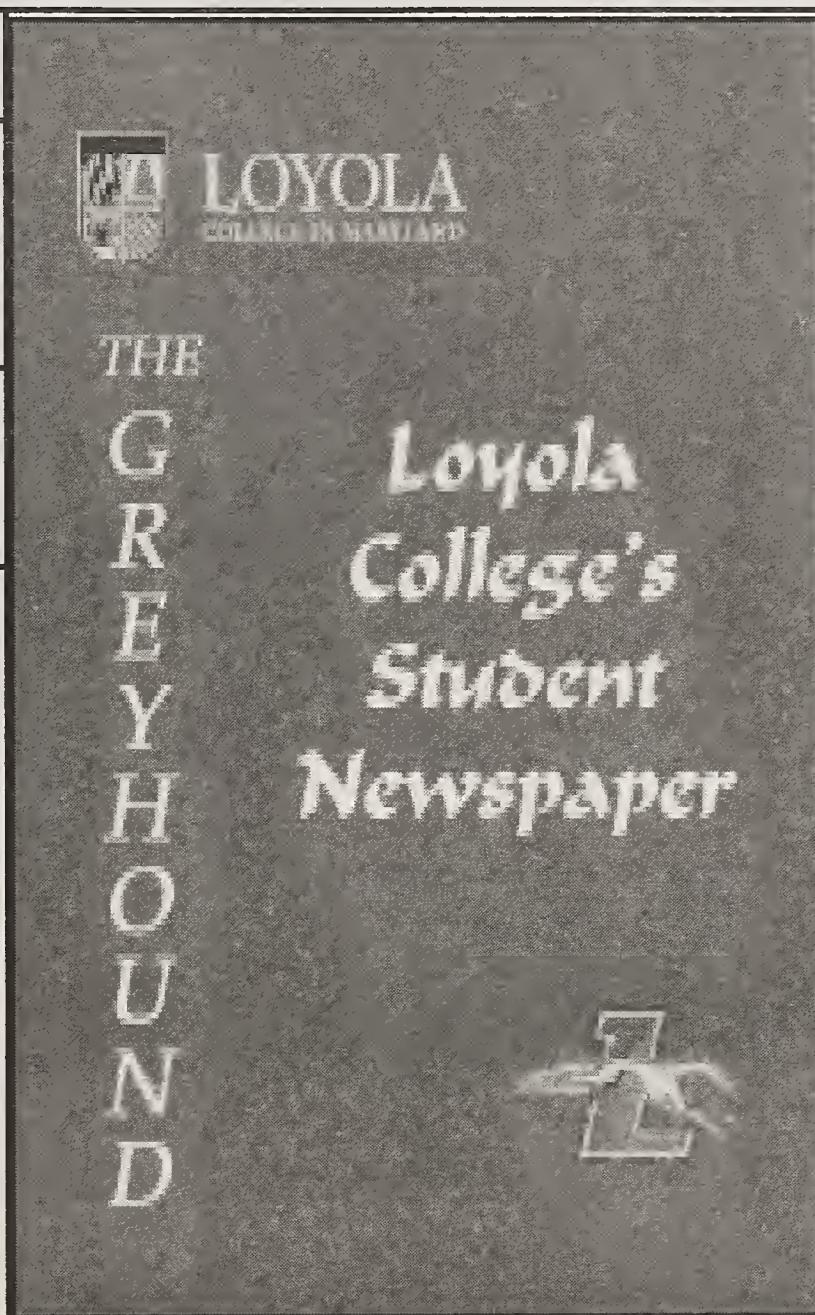
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